(3) The Cochin Cultivating Verumpattamdars Bill

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Before moving the Bill standing in my name, I have to make a few preliminary remarks. I don't claim the ownership of the Bill at all. If I may not be accused of flaggerism, I may say it belongs entirely to the former Advocate-General, Mr. C. A. Kunjunny Raja. Since the Government brought this Bill and subsequently dropped it for some reason or other, I think it will be proper for me to take it up, so that the whole House may be guided and reconsider the question. Now that the Government has brought a Verumpattamdars Bill, the whole aspect of the question has changed. The only guidance I want from this House after one or two explanations is this, that is, as to what I should do in this particular matter today. The position is this. So far as this Bill is concerned, there is provision for fixing fair rent. There are also provisions for eviction in particular cases. The chief of the criticisms levelled against the present Bill brought by the Government are that there is no provision for fixing of fair rent. Secondly, there is no chance for the landlord to get any portion of the land, once it is fixed. Thirdly, the period fixed for penal clause being applied is very short. All these criticisms are met with by this Bill. No doubt, I should wait for another opportunity and move the Bill from this stage if only I let go the present opportunity. Therefore, the House will give me a guidance. I am prepared to abide by it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know what is your objection is in moving all these questions in the Select Committe? The question as to what should be the fair rent should be considered. The existing rent is the fair rent. You can, in the light of the discussions, move these questions in the Select Committee.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: If that is the opinion of the House, I don't move it. I don't also withdraw it.

(4) The Cochin Agriculturist Debtors' Protection Bill

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I do not move for the introduction of the Cochin Agriculturist Debtors' Protection Bill. I shall move it on a future occasion.

NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION No. 46

Revision of pay and allowances of the subordinate officers in the Anchal Department

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Yesterday, I spoke about the necessity to revise the pay of the anchal masters and clerks in the Anchal Department. Today, I wish to complete my speech by requesting the Government to very seriously consider about the revision of the pay of the anchal peons and the mail runners. I place this motion for the acceptance of this House.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: On a point of order. Without reference to the previous speaker, I wish to know whether a speech once begun in Malayalam can be concluded in English.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: There have been several occasions.

Mr. President: No objection.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: I second the motion.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I am very sorry that Government do not find their way to accept the recommendation immediately. This calls for a general revision of pay of the Anchal Staff. In the last revision which was 11 years ago, all the departments have been considered together, and orders were passed after very careful consideration. This House itself has had occasion to discuss all the varied and inter-related problems connected with the revision of salary in the various departments, and the House knows also what a laborious process it was to take up general revision. Of course, the Government find it rather difficult to take up questions like this in any piecemeal fashion If we have to take up a revision of pay of subordinates in one department, naturally we have to consider the case of persons similarly situated in the other departments as well. That would mean that we have to make more or less an elaborate survey of the situation and see how the grades stand, how by granting a revision in one department, the case of the others will be affected, and all such similar questions. Government doubt very much whether this will be an opportune time to take up the question of a general revision. At the time of the last revision, the question was first taken up in the year 1102 or 1103 and final orders could be passed only in 1106 or 1107. It took very nearly four years for a general survey of that kind to be undertaken. That was not due to the apathy of the Government. This House is fully awere of the laborious process a committee appointed by this House put itself to and after that several resolutions were moved in quick succession here and almost one session was devoted to that. And Government had to appoint a special officer

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